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WDSF Education Director's report

In the time from the 2011 AGM I have organized and supervised the production and postproduction of 3 new WDSF Academy DVDs that will be available by the end of May 2012.

This was possible due to our WDSF Academy partners BDDANCE from China.

The first DVD to come out at the end of April will be the Development of the Viennese Waltz filmed with Luca Bussoletti and Tjasa Vulic, presenting all the figures that are included in their book plus three possible choreographies.

Luca and Tjasa also filmed the DVD with Waltz syllabus.

The Samba syllabus was filmed with Alexey Silde and Anna Firstova. I have to commend both couples on their dedication to the project and very professional approach to their work.

The second big project of WDSF Academy is regarding the WDSF technique books.

The books are being developed by the top athletes in the WDSF PD under supervision of Davide Cacciari, Fabio Bosco, Marco Sietas and myself.

The aims of this project are

- to update the syllabus and include some new figures and options
- to delete the figures that are never used
- to group the figures in three levels according to difficulty
- to add more detailed description of the basic principles and actions
- to update the charts and include new information

All nine syllabus books are being developed at the same time and there is a massive amount of work being done by everybody involved in this project.



We hope to be able to present the first results of this extraordinary work in August at the GOC in Stuttgart.

The third area of my work are the WDSF Academy workshops. The cooperation of the WDSF national bodies and their willingness to organize such workshops is essential for this project. Unfortunately it is difficult to find local organizers for such workshops and it is also difficult to attract participants.

I believe that the new WDSF technique books will present an excellent opportunity for the workshops in the different parts of the world. The first one is planned for August in Stuttgart where we shall present the development of the new technique books.

The WDSF Adjudicators congresses are an ongoing project of the education department in cooperation with the WDSF Sport Director Marco Sietas. In the past year we have tried to present to all existing judges and the new candidates the WDSF New Judging System including the five judging criteria and to give them an opportunity to do some test judging. Mostly the response from the judges was very positive and they were open to this new way of judging.

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